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March 04, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

36 March 4, 2014

SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE (CDI) FOR AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FRAUD (AIF) AND ORGANIZED AUTOMOBILE FRAUD ACTIVITY INTERDICTION "URBAN GRANT" PROGRAMS AND APPROVE THE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-14

(ALL DISTRICTS) (4-VOTES)

SUBJECT

The State of California, Department of Insurance (CDI) has awarded the District Attorney's Office (DA) additional funds in the amount of \$186,111 for the Automobile Insurance Fraud (AIF) Program and \$92,000 for the Urban Grant Program to support enhanced investigation and prosecution of fraud activity, and approve an Appropriation Adjustment.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Authorize the District Attorney to accept additional grant funds from CDI, for the period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, for Automobile Insurance Fraud (AIF) in the amount of \$186,111 and Urban Grant in the amount of \$92,000. There is no required County match for these programs.
- 2. Approve the attached Appropriation Adjustment in the amount of \$278,000 to allocate funding for the CDI grants which includes funding for the salaries and benefits of the support staff who were partially funded in the AIF Program, services and supplies, and capital assets appropriation for FY 2013-14.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The objective of these programs is to maintain an active partnership in anti-fraud efforts. On November 22, 2013, an application for additional funding was submitted to CDI. On January 2, 2014, CDI notified the DA's Office of the additional funds awarded to AIF and Urban Grant Programs.

Board approval is required to accept additional grant funds for AIF and Urban Grant Programs from CDI for FY 2013-14.

The Request for Appropriation Adjustments is needed in order to align the DA's budget with the full amount awarded to each program.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 3, Integrated Services Delivery, to maximize opportunities to measurably improve client and community outcomes and leverage resources through the continuous integration of health, community, and public safety services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The CDI administers the grant programs and the distribution of funds for enhanced investigation and prosecution of automobile insurance fraud cases and organized automobile insurance fraud activity.

The CDI awarded additional grant funding for AIF and Urban Grant fraud programs for FY 2013-14. The \$278,000 Appropriation Adjustment will be used as follows:

- AIF Program Increase Salaries and Employee Benefits appropriation by \$90,000, Services and Supplies by \$37,000 and Capital Assets Equipment by \$59,000. This amount represents the difference between the grant award of \$4,886,000 and the \$4,700,000 that was included in the District Attorney's FY 2013-14 Adjusted Budget.
- Urban Grant Increase Services and Supplies appropriation by \$32,000 and Capital Assets Equipment by \$60,000. This amount represents the difference between the grant award of \$2,356,000 and the \$2,264,000 that was included in the District Attorney's FY 2013-14 Adjusted Budget.

These different amounts for the above-mentioned two programs will be adjusted in the FY 2014-15 budget process.

In light of the State's budget situation, if funding for these programs were to be terminated, an evaluation of each program would be conducted to determine whether the program would either be continued with costs absorbed by the department, or discontinued with the reallocation of staff to vacant budgeted positions.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Insurance Code Sections 1872.8(b)(1)(d) (AIF) and 1874.8 (Urban Grant), CDI is

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authorized to award and distribute certain funds to District Attorneys submitting plans approved by the Fraud Division for the increased investigation and prosecution of automobile insurance fraud cases and organized automobile insurance fraud activity.

The DA has been awarded funding for AIF for the past nineteen years and Urban Grant for twelve years.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These programs do not propose attorney staff augmentation. Therefore, the DA is not subject to the Board Motion of December 15, 1998, requiring clearance with the Alternate Public Defender, Probation, Public Defender, and Sheriff's Departments.

CONCLUSION

Following Board approval, the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board is requested to return two (2) copies of the adopted Board Letter to Ms. Emily Aidells, District Attorney's Office, 201 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 1300, California, 90012. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Aidells at (213) 202-7674.

Respectfully submitted,

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JACKIE LACEY

District Attorney

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Enclosures

Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
 Chief Executive Officer
 County Counsel
 Auditor-Controller

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPT'S. NO.

370

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY

January 21, 2014

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FY 2013-14 4 - VOTES

SOURCES

USES

BA DETAIL - SEE ATTACHED PAGE 1

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SOURCES TOTAL: \$ 278,000

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JUSTIFICATION

The Budget Adjustment allocates the unbudgeted revenues from the Automobile Insurance Fraud (AIF) and Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction (Urban Grant) Programs. This Appropriation Adjustment is needed in order to align the DA's budget with the full amount awarded to each program.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE Norbert Rui

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

MAR 04 2014

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR ---

ACTION

APPROVED AS REQUESTED

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVED AS REVISED

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

B.A. NO. 086

SOURCES

District Attorney A01 – DA – 88 – 8831 – 14030 State – Other \$278,000 Increase Revenue

Total: \$278,000

USES

District Attorney
A01 – DA – 1000 - 14030
Salaries & Employee Benefits \$90,000
Increase Appropriation

District Attorney
A01 – DA – 2000 – 14030
Services & Supplies \$69,000
Increase Appropriation

District Attorney
A01 – DA – 6030 – 14030
Capital Assets - Equipment \$119,000
Increase Appropriation

Total: \$278,000

ADOPTED

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